Assassination Inquiry Committee 4718 Saratoga Avenue San Diego, California 92107 10/2/68

Harold Weisberg Rt. 8 Frederick, Maryland

Dear Harold,

First, I want to apologize for not writing earlier. Points have been raised in your recent letters, and I'll respond to these in a rather disjointed fashion. Then I'll fill you in on the details regarding the San Diego part of your West Coast trip.

In your letter of 7/13 you suggested that we contact Art Kevin. This we did, in fact yesterday morning I called Jim Lawrence (KHJ radio news director), informing him of your coming trip, and in the process receiving his permission to reprint a letter he sent us in our upcoming newsletter. This should be printed by Friday, and you should receive a copy by about 10/9. Lawrence is looking forward to meeting with you in LA, and he will contact Steve Burton regarding time arrangements.

In the next newsletter, we will finally give credit to Books for their interest in the matter. Also we are printing a letter from Sylvia Meagher (replying mainly to Popkin's comments on her position, but also attacking Garrison). We have had quite a lengthy correspondence with her, centering generally on her anti-Garrison posture; it is unfortunate for us that she has focused on a negative, counter-productive endeavor. I wish she would send us material for the newsletter shedding light on the case itself rather than her diatribes vs. the other critics. You will be interested in seeing her correspondence to us, especially as regards Thornley.

We will try to send you duplicate copies of the newsletter, and when you're here you can get all the copies of back issues you need. Enclosed with this letter you will find some material on Gonzalez. The sources are the Mexico City papers, Alarma and Alerta. These include nothing not recently printed in the Enquirer article; also I have no pictures of Gonzalez of better quality than the Enquirer pictures. Requests to our readers for information on Gonzalez have thus far been unproductive.

Harold, would it be possible for you to send us (or bring with you) names and addresses of interested people for our newsletter? We don t even have Hal Verb's address, and I'm certain there are dozens of other key people all over the country that we're missing.

Now, as regards your coming trip. I have called Steve Burton, and together we have divided the week of Oct. 28 through Nov. 2 as follows: Oct. 28 & 29 in San Diego. Oct. 30 through Nov. 2 in LA.

I have established the following schedule for San Diego: Oct. 28 (Monday) - 3 PM BOB DALE SHOW on channel 8, the local CBS affiliate. This is an afternoon entertainment and discussion show, generally with noncontroversial material. The show is popular here, with many thousands of viewers, and I'm sure you'll find Dale to be a congenial and reasonably intelligent host. 8 PM to 11PM Lecture at REVELLE COLLEGE, University of California, San Diego. Hall where you'll speak holds about 1000, and we hope to have it packed. There will be facilities for slides available. The three hours will be divided to include time for audience questions and comments. 11:30 PM to 12:30 (about) Radio show (live with listener call-in) on KPRI-FM, an avant-garde station specializing in hippie music almost entirely. Your appearance will be a "first" for this station, in terms of guest speakers and audience call-in, but it should be worth while since the station seems to have a very wide audience, especially among the young.

Oct. 29 (Tuesday) - 7:45 AM SUN UP SHOW, also on channel 8.

Has many viewers, and the composition of the audience should differ from that of the Bob Dale program.

8 PM to 10 PM Lecture at San Diego State College, as part of their "experimental college" series.

We hope here to have an audience in the neighborhood of 500. Also with some time for questions.

In addition, the local Educational Television Station (KEBS-TV) has expressed interest in a show with you, but details and arrangements are not final. I hesitate to pack too much more into your two days here, since I realize this is only one part of an exhausting trip. On the other hand, we want you to reach as many as possible, so I hope the above arrangements are satisfactory. If possible, you should arrive in San Diego on the evening of Oct. 27 (Sunday), or earlier if you wish. Jim, Malvina and I would be very happy to have you stay with us for the duration of your stay here; we will show San Diego to you, if time permits, and you should bring swimming suit since the ocean is very near our home and the water is warm this time of year.

I am enclosing a check for \$100 for partial travel expenses. There will be more available from San Diego, but I am presently unable to figure out how much. Part will depend on the magnitude of turnout at the two lectures, and the resultant donations therefrom. Also we are applying for (but have not yet received) money for an honorarium (or some toward travel expenses) from San Diego State College. The people in LA and SF should be able to contribute to your expenses, especially since you'll be spending the greater portion of your time in those places.

Let me know if the above is agreeable. We eagerly anticipate your visit. Also, let me know if the schedule is too full, or conversely if you could handle one or two more shows.

Sincerely,
A. George Abbott, MD